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Four Students Experience Bolivia In ERHS Research Campaign

by Ayomiposi Ajayi

In late May 2022, four student interns – Ayomiposi Ajayi, Fisayo Okunuga and first-year undergraduate students Monique Watson (Purdue University) and Hadijat Oke (University of Maryland College Park) – boarded a plane to La Paz, Bolivia, to participate in a week-long atmospheric research campaign. The goal of the research was to measure the flow of city-generated pollutants up to higher elevations, which can accelerate the melting of snow and glaciers in the high Andes mountains.

Traveling under the sponsorship of the U.S. State Department, the students, all of whom at one point participated in Eleanor Roosevelt High School's internship program, working under Howard University researcher and Greenbelt resident, Dr. David Whiteman, were excited to begin their research in Bolivia. In fact,



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Students Monique Watson, Ayomiposi Ajayi, Fisayo Okunuga and Hadijat Oke pose on top of Mount Chacaltaya, at an elevation of 17,192 feet.

Oke stated that she “felt very surprised when Dr. Whiteman told us that we were going to Bolivia for our campaign analysis,” exclaiming that “it didn’t really feel real” until the day she started packing for the trip. Prior to landing in Bolivia, months of

preparation ensued, starting in November 2021 when student interns began engaging in weekly online meetings with eight Bolivian undergraduate physics students from the Universidad

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Legislative Priorities

Council Seeks: Ban on Single-Use Plastics and No Maglev

by Susan Taylor

Each year before the Maryland Legislative session opens, the members of the Greenbelt City Council meet with representatives of state, county and other local jurisdictions to share the priorities of our community.

Priorities and Concerns

This year Greenbelt’s top

priorities are: a ban on single-use plastics; improvements to Greenbelt Road’s streetscape; improvements to the Greenbelt Metro Station; requesting more information on abatements; and clarification of language describing constant yield tax rates.

Also discussed was opposition to three proposed projects: the maglev train routes, Beltway widening and construction of a Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Three additional concerns were addressed: acquisition of the Greenbelt Armory property, disrepair of sidewalks adjacent to State roadways and concerns about Greenbelt schools.

Single-use Plastic Ban

Single-use plastics are just that – plastic items designed to be thrown

away after one use. Many single-use plastic bans target carryout plastic bags to reduce pollution that is dangerous to human and animal health, encourage more sustainable habits and prevent waste. This type of plastic bag is increasingly manufactured from fracked gas and very few are recycled. Those that are, gunk up machinery used for processing curbside recycling. Plastic carryout bags take up to 1,000 years to decompose.

Councilmember Kristen Weaver, the liaison from the city council to the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), states that not only will the ban

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 28
9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

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Plastic straws, stirrers, bags and bottles are generally made of single-use plastic.

Black History Month

Celebrate with Art, Exhibits, Dance, Movie and a Health Bus

by Lois Rosado

Each year the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee organizes programs to acknowledge the contributions, commemorate the sacrifices and illuminate the achievements of Black Americans. This year’s theme is Black Resistance and Resilience in the African Diaspora, as determined by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, founded by Carter G. Woodson, considered the Father of Black History Month.

Why acknowledge Black American history? History books have yet to tell the complete story of the nation. For example, Wes Moore was elected and

sworn in as governor of Maryland on Wednesday, January 18. However, few of us know that in 1908, Maryland Governor Henry Lloyd vowed to disenfranchise Black residents and denounced Black voting rights as a threat to white supremacy.

The complete history of Maryland has yet to be printed in the history books used by educational institutions. That history should include the Piscataway nation and how their lands were stolen and their culture diminished.

Little has been written about the culture, skills and

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PHOTO BY MICHELLE SIEGEL

Prince George's County Poet Laureate Joy Matthews Alford performs spoken word with a djembe accompaniment by Doc Powell at the 2020 Greenbelt Black History Month Program.

Police Search after Shooting Ends at Greenway Center

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

On Monday morning, January 23, an incident that police are describing as an “officer-involved shooting” in Lanham resulted in almost eight hours of searching for the driver who fled the scene. It culminated in his arrest at the Greenway Center. Twenty-year-old Tyler Clendenen, a Greenbelt resident, is now charged with assaulting two Prince George’s County police officers as well as multiple firearms offenses.

Suspicious Vehicle

At 8:40 a.m., a resident of Hickory Hill Avenue in Lanham made a 911 call to report a suspicious occupied car – a four-door black sedan – whose horn had been sounding for about two hours. Two uniformed Prince George’s County police officers responded and approached the car to talk to the driver.

Driver’s Gun

An initial police statement said that “during the interaction the suspect produced a gun,” according to the PGPDNews Twitter account. However, at the Monday afternoon press conference, held while police were still searching for the driver, it was reported that the officer on the passenger side had noticed a gun, thought to have been on the passenger seat.

Two Weapons Fired

The officer on the driver’s side of the car attempted to get the driver out of his car “or secure that individual,” said Prince George’s County Police Chief Malik Aziz. When the driver grabbed for his weapon, the officer on the passenger side tried to secure it, ultimately taking hold of the gun. A round from

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Letters to the Editor

It's a Struggle For Teachers, Too

I appreciated Anna Bedford-Dillow's informative article about parents' struggles during asynchronous virtual learning in our county schools. My co-workers from Fairfax are facing the same struggle with their children, as Fairfax is closed this Thursday and Friday to let their teachers finish their grading for the quarter (it's not just a local thing!).

What this has left me thinking is, what if these days to complete grading were not necessary, because public school teachers had enough planning and grading time built into their daily schedules?

Maybe we should ask our children's teachers how much time they have to prepare and if it's enough to properly prepare the classes they teach as well as grade and take care of administrative obligations. And if they tell us it's not, what are we as a society going to do to better support the teachers educating our children?

Full disclaimer, I am a teacher at a school that is not fully public and operates differently, and I do mostly have enough time to get all my work done. I wish for the same for my public-school colleagues.

Julia Snyder

Do the Research

According to a previous News Review, Mayor Emmett Jordan recently proposed removing a residency requirement for the city manager from the Greenbelt City Charter. Councilmember Kristen Weaver then asked "if any other municipalities had a clause restricting where the city manager could live," to which the city solicitor responded "that he had not seen that anywhere else."

In less than two minutes on Google, I found news articles about residency requirements for city managers in Colorado, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. Indeed, with an additional minute on Google, I found that both Glenarden and College Park have a residency requirement (but permit the mayor and/or council to waive the requirement for a specific city manager). These simple facts would have empowered city

council to have a more productive discussion.

Alexander Zajac

Resume In-person GHI Board Meetings

It's time for the GHI Board of Directors to conduct their meetings in person at the administration building. Understandably board and committee meetings were held virtually during the pandemic. The Greenbelt City Council and city advisory boards did likewise; however, beginning in February 2022 council reinstated in-person regular meetings along with a virtual or hybrid option.

There's absolutely no reason for GHI to continue holding its board meetings virtually. In the interest of accessibility, transparency and Maryland state open meetings policies the cooperative should re-implement public meetings so members can attend if they choose.

Over the past year alone there have been problems and issues that members are concerned about. They want to ask questions of board members and staff and can better express their concerns face to face rather than in some virtual format that doesn't always function well. Some members do not use or have access to IT. Some with hearing or seeing difficulties find virtual meetings rather cumbersome.


It may suit the majority of the board to continue meeting virtually in the comfort of their homes and not have to deal with a room full of members but this format worked well for 80 years. GHI isn't just brick and mortar and monthly co-op fees. It's about members living cooperatively in close proximity to others. It's a social construct with member involvement necessary, and this means attending meetings and staying informed.

The search for a general manager is one of the most important issues to the future of the cooperative. Members have had problems with navigating the Yardi system. Some members have had their monthly fees fail to debit properly. I understand there were issues with some members' heat/

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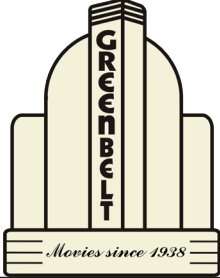


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Tues. 7:00 PM
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Thurs. 7:00 PM

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(2022) (102 mins)

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Community Events

Monday Meetups For Homeschoolers

Greenbelt Homeschooling families enjoyed games and creating art together Monday, January 23 at the Youth Center. Homeschoolers meet for fun and games every Monday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and invite others to join in. Contact: Li'l Dan at 240-643-3768, or dceldran@hotmail.com to learn more or visit Greenbelt Homeschoolers on Facebook or the website at gbhs20770.wixsite.com/gbhomeschoolers.



PHOTO BY LI'L DAN CELDRAN

Danzson Celdran-Taylor enjoys a game of Monopoly.

Join the Gardening Angels on Tuesday

Retirees and telecommuters who want an outdoor lunch break are invited to attend a work session of a Woodlands Committee group addressing the biodiversity crisis in the community on Tuesday, January 31 from noon to 1 p.m.

This year, the group will create nurturing habitat by propagating native plants, removing invasives and installing the plants in common areas in Greenbelt. Meet on the path next to the Hillside Road underpass, just a bit uphill from the Firefly Sanctuary. There is work for all kinds of bodies, whether it is digging all day or getting hands in the soil while seated at a table. For more information, contact SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

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The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Valentine Tours At the Museum

The Greenbelt Museum has a variety of programs and events coming up, starting with a Be Our Valentine Open House on Sunday, February 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. The free open house will feature a lighthearted look at love in the 1940s and 1950s and quick historic house tours with vintage valentine cards, decorations and ads on display. Also offered is a special card-making opportunity with We are Artistic, a student-led group that organizes the making of cards for hospitalized children. In case of inclement weather, the alternate date for the Open House is Sunday, February 12 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tours of the Museum's historic house will be available on select Sundays in February and March at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. through Eventbrite, which is accessible on the Museum's website at greenbeltmuseum.org. Walking tours will soon be added to Eventbrite as well, including the newest tour, an exploration of Greenbelt's North End.

Later in February, for Black History Month, and as part of the quarterly lecture series, a virtual visit to the Jim Crow Museum in Michigan is offered. This museum uses objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote a more just society. This event is free, but space is limited, so get tickets as soon as possible.

For more information on any of these events, check the Museum's website or Facebook page. Email any questions to education@greenbeltmuseum.org.



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1954 Valentine's Day celebration at the Drop Inn, Greenbelt



Book Reading By Local Authors

Two well-known and respected men will be reading and signing their books on Monday, January 30 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café.

Frank DeBernardo, founder of Greenbelt Pride, will read from his spiritual biography Mychal Judge: Take Me Where You Want Me to Go. He writes about Fr. Judge, an inspirational gay Roman Catholic priest, who ministered to rich and poor, famous and homeless people in New York City. While serving as a chaplain to first responders he died in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center ministering to victims. DeBernardo is the executive director of New Ways Ministry, a national Catholic organization that works for equality and justice for LGBTQ people.

Chris Haley will read from Fists and Rainbows, a collection of poetry with personal expressions and institutional analysis of race and LGBTQ issues. Haley works at the Maryland State Archives as director of The Legacy of Slavery Program in Maryland. He has worked as a leader with the Greenbelt Utopia Film Festival and Greenbelt Access Television. Haley is an actor, speaker, filmmaker and presenter in many venues around the country.



New Deal Café Art Reception

A reception will be held for the current art exhibit, Sisters – Nature Inspired, at the New Deal Café on Sunday, January 29 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Stop by and meet the artists, Delia Mychajluk and Maureen Wheatly. Light refreshments will be served.

Fourth Friday Game Night

Greenbelt Unplugged board game night returns after a brief hiatus on Friday, January 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114. See greenbeltunplugged.org for more information.

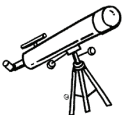
Create Folk Art At Artful Afternoon

Guests of all ages are invited to bring their childhood memories to life in a workshop inspired by the work of African American folk artist Blanch Ackers. The workshop will be led by Greenbelt resident and teaching artist Barbara Joann Combs. This free Artful Afternoon activity will take place on Sunday, February 5 in the Community Center's ground floor east space. There will be two seatings: from 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Advance registration is recommended; sign up online at bit.ly/3H0FZUw. Walk-ins will also be welcome if space allows. Enter by the flagpole on the east side of the building.

Art materials will be provided. Dress in comfortable, art-making clothes. Feel free to bring in photographs for reference, or work from memory and imagination. Masks are strongly recommended.

This program is offered in conjunction with the city's Black History Month observance. For additional program information, visit bit.ly/3HpPIVX. Greenbelt's arts programs are supported in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. For additional program information, visit greenbeltnmd.gov/arts.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.



Golden Age Club

Greenbelt's own Donna Peterson will present a slideshow on Women of the Wild West at the Golden Age Club meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 11 a.m. in the second-floor meeting room of the Community Center. Peterson was a longtime docent at the Dr. Samuel Mudd house in Southern Maryland. Her experiences there led her to document women in the Civil War. She also presented Women of World War II at the Greenbelt Museum and is a frequent lecturer at historic reenactments at the Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. All interested people are invited to attend.

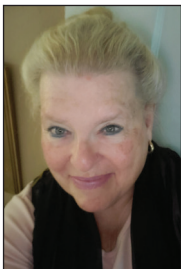


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Donna Peterson

Astronomical Society Meets January 26

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will meet on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. Indy Kochte, mission analyst at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, will present a talk on What's New with New Horizons, an update on the New Horizons spacecraft's follow-up missions since its historic Pluto flyby. This event is free and open to the public.

This event is a hybrid in-person/virtual event. The in-person lecture will be in Room 114 of the Community Center. A Zoom link for those who wish to attend virtually will be posted before the event on the event page at greenbeltastro.org/events.

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Book Signing* for two local authors: Francis DeBernardo and Chris Haley	New Deal Open Mic with Matt Severson 6:30-9pm Share your talents!	The Campfire Sessions 7-9pm A monthly "Listening Room" showcasing new talent.	Wolf's Thursday Blues Show and Jam 6:30-10pm Big, bodacious, boogie blues jam! Sign up and jam!	Happy Hour 4-7pm \$1.00 off beer and wine

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**For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.*

Letters continued

Menstrual Products Distributed
At Springhill Lake Rec. Center

AC mini-splits. I also have heard that GHI had recent challenges pertaining to meeting staff payroll and may have had to borrow funds from its replacement reserves. There have been concerns with some units bring rented without application or notification. These and other issues that members are concerned about can best be addressed and discussed if GHI members had access to open in-person meetings.

Board meetings should begin in person with hybrid option just as our city council has been doing for almost a year now.

Robert Snyder

Considering EV Costs

I am writing in response to a statement Interim City Manager Tim George made during the December 14 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, to the effect that electric vehicles (EVs) are more expensive than fuel-powered ones, and therefore it is not currently in the best interest of the city to purchase EVs for municipal use. As evidence, George cited the purchase price of an electric-powered pickup truck as being far greater than that for an equivalent fuel-powered truck. With respect, George's statement is not correct.

Initial purchase price is not the best point of comparison when considering a vehicle purchase; rather it is the cost to own and operate the vehicle over

its expected useful life. Often termed Lifetime Cost of Ownership or LCO, this is a calculated value that includes the cost of energy (whether fossil fuel or electricity), the cost of maintenance (both routine and repairs), the purchase price and other factors such as insurance.

In the case of an EV versus an internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle, studies clearly show that the cost to own and operate an EV can be significantly lower than that of an equivalent ICE vehicle. Not only is the cost of energy to power the vehicle lower by 70 percent or more (electric motors are typically 3- to 4-times as efficient as ICEs), but the maintenance requirements and costs for EVs are far lower than for ICE vehicles (no oil, no antifreeze, no tune-ups, far fewer moving parts.)

Environmental cost is a second important consideration; the City of Greenbelt prides itself as a leader in environmental stewardship, and council has adopted a number of policies aimed at reducing pollution and promoting environmental health.

Deploying EVs without delay for the use of municipal employees is a 'win-win': it is sound fiscal policy and it is good for the environment. Let us practice the environmental leadership we profess to value.

Steve Skolnik
Greenbelt Green Team

Greenbelt CARES staff Joyce Kolenky and Brendy Garcia distributed menstrual products from Greenbelt's Pink Pantry Program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on the afternoon of January 18. Approximately 60 income-qualified persons received up to 72 pads, 20 tampons and two pairs of period underwear each, which were donated by the Greater DC Diaper Bank.

The Pink Pantry is working to address what is called "period poverty" in Greenbelt. Worldwide, many people use makeshift alternatives because pads and tampons are costly and often not covered by government aid programs. CARES is planning more Pink Pantry events, including menstrual education programs on how to use menstrual products such as period underwear and cups and other topics, based on interests that attendees reported in an event survey.



Two women receive period products from the Pink Pantry on January 18.

PHOTO BY ERICA JOHNS

St. Hugh's to Sponsor Mission Here in March

St. Hugh's Catholic Church is coordinating with other local Catholic parishes to co-sponsor a mission under the guidance of the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. The mission will be held on three evenings: Sunday, March 5 through Tuesday, March 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville. Many people have travelled to Steubenville to attend missions and retreats. This will be a chance for locals to obtain the "Steubenville Experience for Everyone." Everyone is welcome to attend.

The three nights will include Catholic speaker, musician and author Dan Harms along with the ministry team from the Franciscan University. Each night will include prayer, music and Eucharistic adoration as well as a time for refreshments and fellowship. There is a small registration fee. To learn more about this mission or to register, visit event.me/w8qyba. Call Mary Ann Tretler at St. Hugh's at 240-517-7559 for additional questions.

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The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline dialing code is now 988 and is available for phone calls and text messages. Calls and text messages are confidential and free.

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The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

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Rev. Ann Kadlecsek with Liturgist Jim Flaherty

In any life, there are thresholds – moments when we choose whether to let go of key aspects of the past and enter into something new and different. Each threshold is an uncertain, challenging, in-between place, and it can be helpful to pause, look around, remember and imagine. We're at a threshold in the life of this church and its people, and today we will reflect together on this moment, where we've been, and what the future might hold.

Streaming to our Facebook page, on Zoom and in person at 3:00 at:
University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD



At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will have a delayed opening of noon on Thursday, January 26. Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Library’s schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts.

Dance Class for Kids

Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 12. Practice kids’ ballet, lyrical, hip-hop, jazz and more. Presented by Evolution Dance Studio. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7427592.

Teen Action Group

Wednesday, February 1, 4:30 p.m., ages 13 to 18. Black heritage discussion. Come make a difference in the community, gain new friends and speak up. Register at pgcmls.info/event/7700176.

Storytimes

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 5. Books at Bedtime. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by PGCPs Infants and Toddlers for early intervention students and up to 12 community families.

Friday, February 3, 11:15 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring toddlers for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Reading Challenge

In conjunction with the Washington Wizards basketball team, the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System once again offers its Winter Reading Challenge, through March 31. Activities include reading, watching Wizards games, attending virtual library programs and staying active and engaged with the Library and the Wizards. Books to read for children in various age groups (K to 2, grades 3 to 5 and grades 6 to 8) will be featured.

The free challenge can be joined online through Beanstack, a software platform and mobile app that allows readers to easily record their reading minutes, track their progress and stay motivated to complete the challenge. Those who do will be eligible for a variety of prizes, including a raffle entry for tickets to the Wizards’ April 9 home game versus the Houston Rockets. Visit pgcmls.info for more information and to register.

Chromebooks

Online 2Go Chromebooks featuring Kajeet LTE/Wi-Fi access may be borrowed from the Library by those age 18 and older with library cards in good standing; one device per customer. No LINK or student accounts are allowed.

The Chromebooks have a six-week loan period which may be renewed once for another six weeks if there are no hold requests from other customers. Further information about the Chromebooks and other technology is available at pgcmls.info/borrow-technology.

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City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 3

Monday, January 30, NO MEETING

Wednesday, February 1, NO MEETING

Thursday, February 2 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS (VIRTUAL), On the Agenda: Approve Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Preparations for February 8 City Council Work Session, Other Business, Adjourn**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov.



GREENBELT RECREATION'S SPRING CAMP April 3 - April 7 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

236501-1: Ages 5-12 Fee: R: 227, NR: 262

Warmer days are on their way, and Spring Break is right around the corner! We'll keep your kid's break action packed with a combination of events both at the Youth Center and off premises. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink.

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FISCAL YEAR 2024 RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS www.greenbeltmd.gov/groups

Completed applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm Monday, February 6. Call (240) 542-2196 or email cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.

PRE-K STORY HOUR Friday, February 10 10:30 - 11:30 am

Springhill Lake Recreation For more information contact joseph.vincent@pgcmls.info or spreadruak@gmail.com

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

This program is for kids ages 3-5 years. Children must be fully potty-trained. Winter and Spring classes available. Call (301) 397-2200.



FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xlKZ50My327>

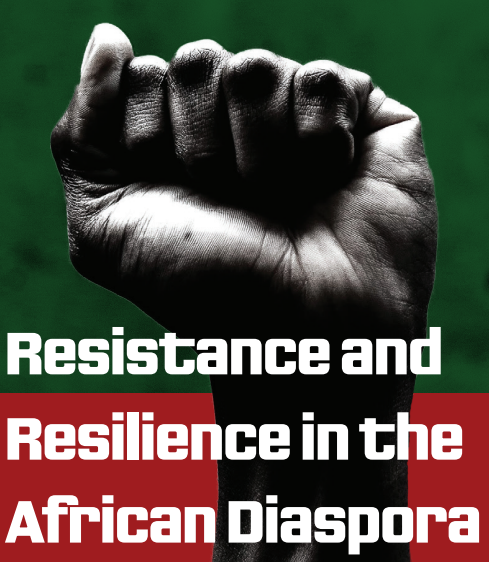
Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 1/7/23)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 417 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$2,009,655.44
Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 19 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$65,623.41

GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP BECA DE EDUCACIÓN GREENBELT

Application period open through March 31, 2023.

El período de solicitud esta aqui al 31 de marzo de 2023.



Resistance and Resilience in the African Diaspora

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

The programs presented this year in recognition of Black History Month 2023 highlight the talents, genius and survival skills of people with African heritage as they strive to live and thrive in various challenging environments.

Presented by Greenbelt Recreation and the Black History and Culture Committee.

Art Exhibition: February 1 - March 6

Artful Afternoon: February 5

Community Art Fun: February 11 12 - 3 pm

Kaiser Health Screening Unit FREE: February 11, 10 am - 3 pm

Free Family Film at the Old Greenbelt Theatre: FREE February 26

In Person Cultural Program: February 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Featuring spoken words with Chris Haley, Sainey Cessay, Francis Stedman; Capoeira Angola with Mestre Santemu; Kweku Owusu drums and dance.

For full program details and times visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/BHM

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT

This FREE program is available for Greenbelt families with newborns to 2 years old. Service includes monthly diapers, formula, baby milestone progress review, and more. Call (240) 542-2019 or email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS

Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) is offering support groups online or in-person beginning January 2023. Registration required. In-person: Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm at Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East Online: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2-3 pm. Call (240) 542-2029 or email sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

This FREE program occurs every 3rd Thursday of the month from 1 - 3 pm. Look at this section of the City calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar for locations and information.

GAIL PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE February 15, 1-3 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Rd

Come visit our new location!

Meet new GAIL staff, hear about current programs and new workshops, blood pressure screening, and light refreshments!

Please RSVP by February 10. Contact Brendy Garcia (240) 424-0302.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP Lead Artist: Barbara Joann Combs

Sunday, February 5, 1-3 pm Community Center, 15 Crescent

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Details and sign-up: <http://bit.ly/3H0FZUW> Visit us at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM AND PAINT RECYCLING Saturday, January 28 from 9 am until 12 pm Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

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GREENBELT BUSINESS CONFERENCE INTRODUCES GUEST SPEAKER KAREN NORRIS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 8:30 - 10:30 AM

Don't miss out! RSVP at www.greenbeltmd.gov/BusinessConference by January 30 to reserve your spot.

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knowledge of enslaved Africans who helped generate the wealth of Maryland and the nation’s wealth their descendants don’t fully enjoy. Missing are the stories of how Black soldiers fought in every war beginning with the War of Independence, but were re-enslaved. Black soldiers were attacked and killed at various moments in American history for demanding their rights, denied veterans benefits and prevented from living in decent communities, as highlighted in the book, the Color of Law, by Richard Rothstein. There is nothing in the history books about how lands were stolen from Black farmers, preventing the development of generational wealth as was noted in The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates in the Atlantic Weekly, June 2014. Nor are many of us aware of Marcus Garvey and the Pan-African movement in the early 20th century and why it was so popular. The high numbers of Black people lynched throughout the country during that period, can hardly be coincidental. Black resistance and resilience and the struggle for full citizenship continues to this day.

Black History Events

Wednesday, February 1. A new art exhibit opens at the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Arts Center featuring works by artists of color. This exhibit is being curated by Shaymar Higgs, director of The SPACE Free Art For All at Beltway Plaza. It will show up-and-coming artists.

Sunday, February 5 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Artful Afternoon at the Community Center invites

the public to create artwork from childhood memories based upon the African American folklore work of artist Blanch Ackers.

Also on Sunday, February 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. a reception will be held for the opening of the art exhibit at the New Deal Café.

Saturday, February 11, noon to 3 p.m. Lindsey Vance, in collaboration with Higgs and Beltway Plaza, invites the public to create a personal, family or community symbol of legacy that will be added to a community mural in celebration of Black History Month. That mural will be on display at Beltway Plaza.

On Sunday, February 19 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. information on the various cultures from the African Diaspora will be on display at the Community Center. The program will feature African drumming, spoken word artists, children dancing and a history and demonstration of Angola Capoeira.

On Sunday, February 26 there will be a free family film at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Free transportation will be available from Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Details about transportation to the theater are available at the Center. Ask for the program flyer.

This year’s programs are sponsored by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee together with Beltway Plaza, CHEARS, Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Recreation, Kaiser Mobile Health Unit, New Deal Café, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Peace and Justice Coalition and The SPACE Free Art For All.



Front row from left, Dr. Lois Rosado, Iona King and Robert Goldberg-Strassler receive a Black History Month Proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan (back).

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Greenbelt Lake Photographers' Exhibition

February 1st –28th

February 4th: 10 am Reception

Meet the Photographers!

National Wildlife Visitor Center John Hollingsworth Gallery

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Franklin Park Meet and Greet

On Thursday evening Franklin Park Management hosted a meet and greet with new Community Officer Albert Murray, of the Greenbelt Police Department.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF RICHLAND IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

Docket No. 21DR403843
Dominic Ward Plaintiff vs. Sabrina Lloyd, Defendant.
To the Defendant. You are summoned and required to answer the Complaint in this action. The original has been filed in the office of Clerk for Richland County, SC, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request. You must serve a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff at 105 Milkweed Road, Elgin SC 29045, within thirty (30) days after service. If you fail to answer the Complaint in the time stated, judgement by default will be entered against you for relief of the Complaint.
Dated 01/17/2023

Early Elwessi snowdrops bloom in January.

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Mayor de San Andrés in La Paz. Okunuga, who documented each meeting, stated, "The weekly meetings were very helpful as we got to learn about what we were going to be doing throughout the course of the trip." As the students became more familiar with concepts, they were even able to work directly with atmospheric instruments, preparing them further for the goals set to be achieved.

After arriving in Bolivia, the students found that their preparation efforts had been beneficial, as both the Bolivian and U.S. students dove right into the experiment. They set up tents, listened to explanations and learned how to inflate and deploy a tethered weather balloon and properly attach a radiosonde telemetry instrument. On the experiment day, the students split into groups and collected data in various locations, each at a different elevation to maximize the atmospheric instruments and retrieve comparable data. At the end of the day, many files of data consisting of black carbon concentrations, particle mass concentrations, temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, carbon dioxide and more were collected.

The organized and inviting homestay program set up by Bolivian mentors meant that the student interns were comfortable

during their stay in Bolivia. After completing the experimental work, the students were given the opportunity to explore the vibrant city of La Paz, where they traveled via the city's primary transport, Teleférico (cable car), and were able to sample native Bolivian dishes like peanut soup and the infamous marraquetas. As a group, both Bolivian and U.S. students and mentors were given the chance to visit the town of Coroico, where they received a tour of an animal rescue center in the rainforest.

Despite spending a whole week in Bolivia, the U.S. students felt that the days had gone by too quickly. Watson describes her time in Bolivia as “one of the best experiences,” stating that she has “made lasting memories and connections.” Though good-byes were said, the work for the Bolivian campaign was not over. Even after returning to the U.S. the students were back in weekly online meetings, planning the next steps to analyze the collected data. Overall, the experience was indeed a great way to collaborate with other students and have fun experiences while improving public understanding of how pollution travels and affects Andean snowpack and glaciers which can have a direct influence on water availability.

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing 63-foot tall building located at 4313 Knox Road, College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland (N38° 58' 50.9", W76° 56' 23.9") at approximate centerline heights of 69 and 70 feet above ground level. AT&T Mobility, LLC, invites comments from any interested party on the impact the tower may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

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Students Franco Garcia Alvarez, Ayomiposi Ajayi, Fernando Velarde and Fisayo Okunuga pose with a radiosonde weather balloon instrument on one of the experiment sites in Bolivia.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA
Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on
February 2, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on December 15, 2022
- b) Contract for IT Management Support Services During 2023 to 2026
- c) Member Financial Matters
- d) Member Complaint Matter

GHI Open Meeting - starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting of the Transition and Search Committee held on January 23, 2023
- b) Statement of a Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors held on February 2, 2023
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on December 15, 2022
- d) Proposed Schedule for Reviewing a Report from the Transition and Search Committee and Scheduling Interviews for the General Manager Position
- e) Investment Committee's Recommendation to Revise GHI's Investment Policy
- f) Finance Committee's Recommendation re: Options to Compensate Members Displaced From Their Units During the Pipe Replacement Pilot Program
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on February 16, 2023

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

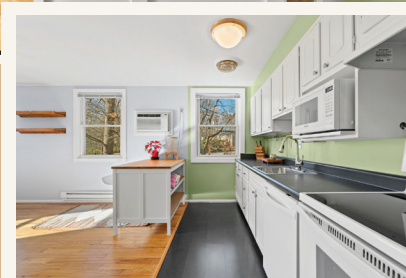
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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Braveboy Addresses Council

by Deb Daniel

On January 9, Aisha N. Braveboy, Prince George’s County State’s Attorney, addressed the Greenbelt City Council, emphasizing the ways she has improved public safety by holding repeat offenders and violent crime offenders to their sentences while creating more diversion programs for low-level offenders. Last year, the county saw a 39 percent reduction in homicides. She complimented Greenbelt’s police department, one of three in the county to investigate homicides, for doing an excellent job in those investigations.

Pandemic Stress

The covid pandemic brought to light some of the disparities in the county’s population that resulted in increased tensions and crimes, and disparities in income, education and opportunity. Braveboy noted that her office is one player in the Juvenile Justice System. After her office sanctions an accused, the judge makes the decision on whether the defendant serves a sentence in a facility, which may lack educational and healthcare programs. If the defendant is not sentenced to a facility, they are back in an environment with little opportunity. The goal of the entire Juvenile Justice System is, by law, to rehabilitate not to punish.

Carjackings

Most crimes committed in the county are carjackings. The majority arrested are children but there usually are older people



Aisha Braveboy

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involved who also need to be held accountable. The children who can buy “ghost” guns on the internet and assemble them at home feel invincible and though legally adults are still growing, said Braveboy. Braveboy’s office is working on a statute to hold everyone involved in carjackings accountable but she believes the best solution is to offer opportunity and education, giving them hope for the future. She described an “emerging adult” between the ages of 18 and 26 who is still adolescent in their development. She and her department are working on an emerging adult program to reach this population, who also need more support while they are in prison.

Quick Release

Responding to questions from Councilmember Judith Davis about the “quick release” pro-

gram, Braveboy explained that hours after a person is arrested, they appear before a commissioner (not a judge) who looks for probable cause and/or danger to the community. If there is no probable cause or danger to the community, the person will be released with or without bond. Braveboy does not ask for bond release if a person is a danger to the community as she thinks wealth should not buy you liberty. In serious crimes, Braveboy requests no bond or cash bail.


To resident Bill Orleans’s question about the Police Accountability Board, Braveboy responded that her department gets information from the board about crime but not about general orders or other areas of police work.



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Washington Recommended



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Alonzo Washington addresses the meeting of the Prince George’s County Democratic Central Committee on Saturday, January 21.

On Saturday, January 21, the Prince George’s County Democratic Central Committee voted unanimously to recommend Delegate Alonzo Washington to fill the District 22 State Senate seat that became vacant when Senator Paul Pinsky was chosen

by incoming Governor Wes Moore to serve as the head of the Maryland Energy Administration.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred from January 16 through January 22. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Armed Carjacking
On January 22 at 3:08 a.m. near 7500 Ora Glen Drive, officers responded to a report of an armed carjacking. The victims were approached by a man of medium build wearing a black facemask and black clothing who pointed a black handgun at the driver and demanded the victims get out of the car. The man then punched the victim multiple times, resulting in minor injuries. The man then stole the car, a gray 2014 Nissan Altima (Md. plate 4FA4763) and drove away.

Burglary
On January 16 at 5:13 a.m. near 7200 Hanover Parkway, commercial burglary.

DUI Arrest
On January 17 at 10:59 p.m. near 6900 Hanover Parkway, DUI arrest.

Fraud
On January 18 at 4:47 p.m. near 7700 Belle Point Drive, credit card fraud. On January 22 at 12:26 p.m. near 7700 Lakecrest Drive, dating site fraud.

Missing Person Found
On January 19 at 11:12 a.m. near 7300 Morrison Drive, a juvenile, reported missing out of Howard County, was returned home.

Shoplifting
On January 16 at 5:10 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

Theft
On January 20 at 1:07 p.m. near 7800 Walker Drive, identity theft; at 2:15 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft; at 5:16 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, Capital Bikeshare bike theft. On January 21 at 3:52 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, personal property was stolen from gym locker and the credit cards were used fraudulently.

Vandalism
On January 17 at 9:07 a.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, residence window broken by projectile.

Vehicle Crimes
Attempted Theft from Auto
On January 19 at 2:27 a.m. near Edmonston Road / Springhill Drive, 30-year-old man was arrested for trespassing after walking in between the vehicles and looking into them. The man was previously arrested for theft from autos in Franklin Park and banned from the property.

Auto Located
On January 17 at 1:57 a.m. near 100 Centerway, a 2020 Kia Optima that was stolen from Prince George’s County was located in Greenbelt; at 7:43 a.m. near 700 Northway, a Hyundai Sonata that was stolen from D.C. was located in Greenbelt. On January 22 at 5:14 p.m. near 7800 Kenilworth Avenue, a car that

was stolen in Bladensburg was located unoccupied in Greenbelt.

Auto Stolen
On January 17 at 5:02 p.m. near 7600 Mandan Road, a silver 2013 Kia Optima (Md. plate 7BF9677) was stolen. On January 18 at 5:23 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Ct, a 2018 Hyundai Elantra (Texas plate PJT-5215) was stolen. On January 19 at 6:53 a.m. near 6200 Springhill Court, a 2016 Hyundai Elantra and a 2020 Volkswagen Jetta (Md. plate 1EX4971) were stolen. Keys to the Volkswagen were inside the Hyundai. The Hyundai was located in the 9200 block of Edmonston Road with the left rear side window broken and the steering wheel column and ignition damaged.

On January 20 at 8:06 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a blue 2012 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 19582CH) was stolen; at 11:02 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a white 2017 Kia Soul (Md. plate 9DX3780) was stolen. On January 21 at 10:13 a.m. near 100 Westway, a white work van (Md. plate 8CZ9867) with blue letters on the side bearing “All Clear Plumbing LLC” was stolen; at 10 p.m. near 8200 Canning Terrace, a gray Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 8AM2670) was stolen. On January 22 at 3:36 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, a black 2017 Hyundai Sonata (Md. Plate 5CV8418) was stolen.

Auto Vandalism
On January 17 at 12:05 a.m.

near 9100 Edmonston Road, a 2010 Hyundai Elantra (Pa. reg: KDZ2109 VIN: KMHD-U4AD9AU834336) had the rear driver-side window broken, and the steering column damaged; at 7:32 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a Kia Soul rear passenger window was broken and the ignition damaged. On January 21 at 2:25 a.m. near 7800 Mandan Road, a front driver-side window was broken; at 4:17 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, a car was vandalized with a hole that appeared to be a bullet hole. When the car was hit is unknown as the car has been parked since January 5.

Theft from Auto
On January 16 at 8:41 a.m. near 8000 Greenbelt Station Parkway, all four tires were stolen from three cars parked in a parking garage, a Honda Pilot, a Honda Civic, and a Chevrolet Tahoe; at 9:55 a.m. near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, all four tires stolen from a Toyota Camry. On January 18 at 1:23 a.m. near 7900 Vanity Fair Drive, all four tires were stolen from two cars, a 2021 Toyota Camry and a 2022 Honda Accord. On January 19 at 8:12 a.m. near 200 Lakeside Drive, all four tires were stolen from a 2023 Honda Civic. On January 20 at 11:00 a.m. near 7600 Ora Glen Drive, a victim witnessed an unknown man break her front passenger window with a pipe, and steal her purse while the car was parked in a parking lot.

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the driver’s gun was discharged within the car. The second officer on the driver’s side of the car then shot his weapon. At the press conference, Aziz was unable to say if the driver’s gun was fired while in the hands of the officer who took it or the driver. How the weapon was discharged is the subject of an investigation, he said, and emphasized that it was something that took place in a matter of seconds. At that time Aziz also did not yet know how many times the second officer fired, saying they were still investigating. At the time of the press conference, Aziz could confirm that no officers were injured but it was uncertain if the driver had been struck by any gunfire.

Arrested in Greenbelt
Officers pursued the car but lost sight of it a short distance away, reported Aziz. The hours-long search then encompassed surrounding areas. The license plate on the car was determined

Shooting Incident
On Tuesday, January 24 at approximately 6:17 p.m., officers responded to the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane for the report of a shooting. Officers located a 25-year-old man suffering from injuries consistent with multiple gunshot wounds. He has been transported to a local hospital. The suspect is described as a Black male wearing all black. Greenbelt Police are investigating the incident. Anyone with information about the shooting can call 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov.



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The suspect, Tyler Clendenen, of Greenbelt, has been arrested and charged.

to be from another vehicle. The driver was finally apprehended at approximately 4:40 p.m. at the Smoothie King in Greenway Center and taken into custody without further incident. He had not been injured.

Proliferation of Weapons
Asked about the weapon that the police took before the driver fled the scene, Aziz said they didn’t yet know if the driver’s gun was a ghost gun but noted that “the proliferation of guns is high in this county and across the region.” In 2021, he said, 252 ghost guns were seized, and over 900 guns in total. In 2022, over 1,200 guns were seized, including 321 ghost guns, and this January they have already seized almost 40 weapons, including 16 ghost guns, he reported.

Ongoing Investigations
The Internal Affairs Division is investigating the actions of the officers. The officer who fired his gun, identified as a 16-year veteran, is on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation, which is standard procedure.

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reduce the millions of tons of plastics polluting our waterways each year, but the ban will “encourage people to think about what they are doing.”

Background

For a few years former Maryland State Delegate for Baltimore City Brooke Lierman (now our state Comptroller) and Senator Malcolm Augustine (Prince George’s County) had sponsored a statewide plastic bag ban. The ban passed the House and the Senate Finance Committee but never made it to the Senate floor for a vote in 2021. At the time, Maryland would have been the ninth state to pass such a ban. In prior years the ban had gotten stuck in committee, just like the bags in the recycling machinery.

In 2020 the Maryland Retailers Association came out in favor of a statewide ban. Studies at that time showed that without a ban or fee charged for providing bags, 88.2 percent of customers would take a plastic bag in stores.

Nationally, the Department of the Interior has committed to phase out all single-use plastics (plastic and polystyrene beverage and food containers, disposable plastic bags, bottles, cups, straws and cutlery) in national parks by 2032. A 2011 ban on plastic water bottle sales in some national parks to reduce both waste and lower recycling costs was rescinded by the Trump administration. That ban had removed approximately two million water bottles per year for six years.

In October 2023, England will ban single-use utensils, plates, bowls and cups in an effort to reduce litter in the oceans and waterways of the world. Canada’s ban on single-use plastics took effect on December 20, 2022. Kenya, Zimbabwe, China, India, Thailand, Bangladesh, Rwanda and the European Union all have taken action on single-use plastics.

Locally, Montgomery and Howard counties, Takoma Park, Salisbury, Chestertown, Laurel,

Easton, Westminster and Baltimore City have all passed plastic bag bans or a tax or statute that require stores to charge for plastic bags. These regional bans hope to change behavior in their areas and lead statewide efforts by example. The Four Cities (Berwyn Heights, College Park, New Carrollton and Greenbelt) are discussing a coordinated effort, according to Weaver.

Takoma Park bans plastic bags, straws, stirrers and polystyrene takeout containers. Additionally, Prince George’s County has had a plastic straw ban in place for food service and retail businesses since July 1, 2020.

Resources

Deb Daniel reported for the News Review on the presentation on plastic bag bans given by Martha Ainsworth of the Sierra Club to Greenbelt City Council on October 11, 2022 (see article on page 13 of the November 24, 2022 issue). Access the presentation by clicking on the Municipal Access TV button on the city website at greenbeltnmd.gov and find the presentation in the agenda packet for the October 11 meeting. Also available online is the 2013 Sustainability Plan Framework for Greenbelt produced by Green ACES, available at greenbeltnmd.gov/government/boards-committees/green-aces.



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Greenbelt Man Held

The Major Crimes Division is investigating the actions of the suspect, who was identified on Tuesday afternoon as 20-year-old Tyler Clendenen. Though initially described as a “Lanham man,” court documents show Clendenen’s address changed from Lanham to Greenbelt sometime in 2022. He is charged with assaulting two Prince George’s County

police officers (felony first-degree assault), reckless endangerment, illegal possession of a firearm, loaded handgun on person, loaded handgun in vehicle, possession of a firearm as a minor and other firearm offenses. There was already a warrant for his arrest for failure to appear on other, unrelated charges in December. He is now being held without bond.



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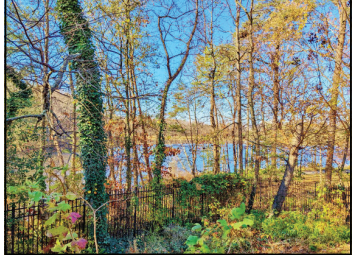
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